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Former US senator Jim Webb announces run for president

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former U.S. senator Jim Webb announced his presidential campaign on Thursday, opening a long-shot bid against Hillary Rodham Clinton and a field of Democratic rivals for the party's 2016 nomination.

Webb, 69, a decorated Vietnam veteran and a former top Navy official, is expected to focus his campaign on helping working-class Americans compete in the economy, tackling campaign finance reform and preventing the U.S. from getting involved in foreign entanglements like Iraq and Afghanistan. Webb acknowledged he would face major hurdles but vowed to bring an outsider's voice to the 2016 race.

"I understand the odds, particularly in today's political climate, where fair debate is so often drowned out by huge sums of money. I know that more than one candidate in this process intends to raise at least a billion dollars," Webb said in a statement. But "We need to shake the hold of these shadow elites on our political process."

Webb's opposition to the Iraq War — his son Jimmy served in the conflict — played a central role in his surprise Senate election in 2006 against a Republican challenger.

While he chose not to seek re-election after one term, his military and foreign policy credentials could allow him to become a debate stage foil to Clinton, who served as President Barack Obama's secretary of state.

Webb has said U.S. foreign policy has been "adrift" since the end of the Cold War and called for a new foreign policy doctrine that would outline the circumstances in which the U.S. would use military force.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Webb served as a company commander in Vietnam and later wrote an acclaimed novel, "Fields of Fire," about the war. At the end of the war, Webb became a Republican, worked in the Defense Department and served as Navy secretary at the end of the Reagan administration.

But he opposed President George W. Bush's decision to invade Iraq in 2003. □

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DC Police: No Evidence of Shooting at Navy Yard



A large police presence gathers along M St. in Southeast Washington, Thursday, July 2, 2015, after an official said shots have been reported in a building on the Washington Navy Yard campus. Investigators found no evidence of a shooting.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators found no evidence of a shooting after a key Navy site in the U.S. capital went on lockdown Thursday because someone reported shots fired in the same building where a gunman killed 12 workers in a rampage two years ago. Police said a woman called from inside a Washington Navy Yard building, located less than 2 miles (3 kilometers) from the Capitol, to report that she might have heard sounds of gunshots early in the morning. However, investigators found no sign of a shooting, a shooter or anyone injured. No arrests have been made and no weapons were found, officials said.

"There is no evidence of any victims today," District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser said.

Navy security saw surveillance video of two people jumping the fence in the vicinity of the building a couple of minutes before the report of gunfire, according to officials. Security found no one inside the building.

Officials do not believe the report was a hoax, D.C. police Chief Cathy Lanier told reporters. Investigators interviewed the woman who made the call, Lanier said, and she did exactly as authorities regularly tell people: Report anything you think may be suspicious.

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Obama's counterterrorism policy facing mounting criticism

KEN DILANIAN

AP Intelligence Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the CIA's Counterterrorism Center, it was a cause for celebration: Meticulous intelligence analysis backed by Hellfire missiles had paid off, once again. The CIA launched a drone strike last month on a Yemeni beach at three men it determined were al-Qaida militants. One of them turned out to be Nasser al-Wahishi, about as important a figure as agency man-hunters could hope to eliminate. He had been both al-Qaida's second in

command and the leader of the group's dangerous Yemeni affiliate.

American officials touted the death as a big victory. But did the demise of another senior extremist, the latest in a long line to be taken off the battlefield, make the United States and its allies any safer?

To many experts, including a growing number of former Obama administration national security advisers, that proposition is less convincing by the day. With al-Qaida and the Islamic State group enjoying safe havens across parts

of Yemen, Syria and Iraq, and with terror attacks on the rise worldwide, doubts are growing about the effectiveness and sustainability of the administration's "light footprint" strategy against global extremist movements. A template predicated on training local forces and bombing terrorists from the air is actually making the situation worse, some say. Many are arguing for deeper U.S. involvement, if not with regular ground troops, then at least with elite advisers and commandos taking more risks in more places.



This photo shows the Liberty Crossing Intelligence Campus in McLean, Va. When the CIA killed al-Qaida's second-in-command in Yemen last month, Obama administration officials celebrated. But many experts are questioning whether the demise of another senior extremist, the latest in a long line of militants to be taken off the battlefield, make the United States and its allies any safer from terrorism.

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"Drone strikes are not creating a safer, more stable world," said David Sedney, who resigned in 2013 as deputy assistant secretary of defense for Afghanistan and Pakistan. And neither is the limited bombing campaign the Pentagon is running against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria. Both are creating new enemies, he added, without a plan to defeat them. On Thursday, the Pentagon announced that a June 16 air strike had killed Tariq bin Tahar al-Awni al-Harzi, an Islamic State group leader who had facilitated suicide bombings. "His death will impact ISIL's ability to integrate foreign terrorist fighters into the Syrian and Iraqi fight," military spokesman Capt. Jeff Davis said.

But for how long, critics are wondering, including former Defense Intelligence Agency chief Michael Flynn, who accuses

the administration for which he once worked of "policy confusion." Former Army deputy chief Lt. Gen. Richard Zahner says the Obama administration's policy of "benign neglect" toward strife-torn Yemen and Syria has ensured the existence of terrorist safe havens there for both al-Qaida and Islamic State militants.

Even Michele Flournoy, the former undersecretary of defense for policy who was the president's first choice to replace Chuck Hagel as defense secretary, wrote last month that the U.S. effort against the Islamic State is "faltering," and urged a more robust approach.

"U.S. counterterrorism policy has caused some intense backlash and has had a lot of unintended consequences," said Rosa Brooks, a former Obama administration Pentagon official. □

\$18.7B deal clears path for BP to close books on Gulf spill



Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi talks about a settlement for the State of Florida with British Petroleum during a press conference held at the Cruiseship Terminal 2 at Port Tampa Bay on Thursday morning, July 2, 2015, in Tampa, Fla. Florida is receiving the most money of any state — \$3.25 billion. (Jay Conner/The Tampa Tribune via AP)

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Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Trying to close the books on the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, BP agreed Thursday to provide billions of dollars in new money to five Gulf Coast states in a deal the company said would bring its full obligations to an estimated \$53.8 billion. Federal and state government officials touted the

record-breaking \$18.7 billion agreement as a historic milestone in the Gulf Coast's recovery. The Deepwater Horizon disaster killed 11 rig workers and spewed millions of gallons of crude that stained beaches, coated wildlife and polluted marshes. BP also gets a valuable return: Much of the payments, to be made over the next 18 years, could be tax-deductible. And by finally providing shareholders with a clearer

cost picture, the London-based oil giant will be freer to embark on new ventures. "This allows us to manage BP as an oil company," BP CEO Bob Dudley said during a conference call. He said BP could launch as many as 20 major new projects by 2020, depending on oil prices. The Justice Department said Thursday's agreement would be the largest environmental settlement in U.S. history as well as the largest-ever civil settlement with a single entity. Civil claims by the five Gulf states and the federal government were, by far, the largest unresolved piece of BP's financial obligations for the spill. BP's total spill-related cost estimate also includes roughly \$29 billion on response and cleanup expenses and compensation for Gulf Coast businesses and residents. "It's time for the company to move on," said Brian Youngberg, an energy analyst for Edward Jones. "It's definitely a win for BP. No company can really do well when you have such a big litigation issue hanging over it."

In 2012, BP reached a similar settlement agreement with private attorneys for businesses and residents who claim the spill cost them money. That deal, which didn't have a cap, led to a protracted court battle over subsequent payouts to businesses. A court-supervised claims administrator is still processing many of these claims.

The broad outlines of the deal were described in Thursday's court filing, but a confidentiality order is keeping the fine print under seal. Eventually, there will be a public comment period on the agreement's merits before a federal judge decides whether to accept it, the Justice Department said. U.S. District Judge Carl

Barbier, who presided over a three-phased trial, already found BP grossly negligent in the nearly 134 million-gallon spill.

While analysts praised the announcement, some environmental advocates complained that government officials should have held out for more money.

"If the court approves this proposal, BP will be getting off easy and 'we the people' will not be fully compensated for the natural resource damages that we suffered, and the law requires that the public is made whole for those damages," said Jacqueline Savitz, U.S. vice president for Oceana, a group dedicated to protecting the world's oceans. □

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Witness: Man killed by police told officers 'shoot me'

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Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) —

The man was angry. He threw rocks and scuffled with police. He yelled at them to "shoot me, kill me," before three officers opened fire, according to witnesses to the fatal shooting of the unarmed Mexican immigrant. The shooting sparked weeks of protest.

Authorities investigating the Feb. 10 death of Antonio Zambrano-Montes in Pasco on Wednesday released audio files of interviews with witnesses, as well as video. A prosecutor is deciding whether the three officers who shot Zambrano-Montes should face criminal

charges, a process likely to take months.

Two witnesses said Zambrano-Montes told officers to shoot him.

Witness Miguel Estrada said he saw Zambrano-Montes throw rocks at officers, then run away. In the files released by authorities, Estrada said Zambrano-Montes screamed: "'If you are gonna shoot me, shoot me.'"

Another witness, Chris Pirtle, also told authorities that Zambrano-Montes dared officers to shoot.

"He kept on throwing the rocks, and the cop was telling him, 'Hey, put down the rock,'" Pirtle said.

Zambrano-Montes — who toxicology tests showed had a large amount of



Marchers carry photos of police shooting victim Antonio Zambrano-Montes during a rally in Pasco, Wash.

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methamphetamine in his system — didn't comply, witnesses said.

"He just kept telling him, 'Shoot me, kill me,'" Pirtle said.

In one audio file, witness Benjamin Patrick told investigators he yelled at officers after the man was shot.

"Why did you just shoot him?" Patrick said he shouted. "He was trying to get away. What are you guys doing?"

Patrick later said during questioning he wanted to apologize to the officers for his outburst. He did not explain why.

Authorities say the 35-year-old Zambrano-Montes had been throwing rocks at passing motorists and police, and a stun gun failed to subdue him before he was shot.

Cellphone video showed three officers chasing the man before shooting him as he turned around.

Franklin County Prosecutor Shawn Sant issued a statement with the document release, saying he was still

deciding if the three officers would be charged with any crimes.

"The right decision is more important than a quick decision," Sant said about the possibility of filing charges. One officer, Ryan Flanagan, has resigned in a move his lawyer said was unrelated to the shooting. The other two, Adam Wright and Adrian Alaniz, remain on paid leave.

They have not commented publicly on the shooting.

In an interview with investigators from early May, Flanagan said Zambrano-Montes repeatedly threw large rocks and objects at him and the other officers. "Every time he would throw a rock, or both of them, he would pick up two more," Flanagan said, according to a transcript released by authorities. "It wasn't like he was gonna retreat or anything."

Flanagan said he told dispatchers "we are running out of options ... We're gonna have to increase

our level of force."

Alaniz, in an interview with investigators in late April, said deploying a Taser and using verbal commands didn't stop Zambrano-Montes.

Alaniz said the man said: "Kill me, kill me."

"...he's assaulted multiple uniformed police officers, I believe at this point that my last option is to use my fire-arm," Alaniz said, according to the transcript.

Patrick, one of the witnesses, told investigators he saw Zambrano-Montes pick up what appeared to be a dirt clod and throw it at officers.

Patrick recalled two bursts of gunfire from the officers, even though he said Zambrano-Montes "wasn't acting very violent at that time."

Just before the second round of shots, the officers yelled at Zambrano-Montes to put down the rock, Patrick said.

"He looked like he was trying to put it down," Patrick said. □

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Reelz comes to the rescue of homeless Miss USA pageant



Donald Trump, left, and Miss Connecticut USA Erin Brady pose onstage after Brady won the 2013 Miss USA pageant in Las Vegas. The Reelz channel said Thursday, July 2, 2015, it will carry Trump's Miss USA pageant that was dropped by NBC after Trump made critical comments about immigrants from Mexico.

(AP Photo/Jeff Bottari)

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Miss USA pageant, left without a TV home following blowback against co-owner Donald Trump over his comments on Mexican immigrants, has been rescued by the Reelz channel. In a statement Thursday, Reelz CEO Stan E. Hubbard said the cable and satellite channel acquired the rights because of a belief that the pageant and the women who compete in it "are an integral part of American tradition."

"As one of only a few independent networks, we decided to exercise our own voice and committed ourselves to bringing this pageant to American viewers everywhere," Hubbard said.

While Reelz, which reaches 70 million homes, said it considered the interests of Miss USA contestants, the host city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and viewers in making its decision, it made no mention of Trump or the hot water he's found him-

self in since he announced his presidential bid in June. The statement also did not include details on how Reelz acquired the rights to broadcast the pageant that is a joint venture between Trump and NBC, as is Miss Universe. NBC cited Trump's comments on immigrants in announcing it is cutting business ties with him.

Trump's presidential campaign announcement contained his assertion that some Mexican immigrants to the United States bring drugs and crime, and some are rapists.

Trump declined to comment on the Reelz acquisition.

This isn't the first time Reelz has gone its own way. When the History channel dropped "The Kennedys" miniseries that had been made for it, saying it didn't fit its brand, Reelz aired it in 2011 and was rewarded with record channel ratings and awards attention.

Reelz said the Miss USA pageant will be televised July 12, its originally scheduled

date on NBC. The pageant will have to scramble after a mass exodus of performers, hosts and judges who cited opposition to Trump's views as the reason.

Rapper Flo Rida had been the highest profile performer scheduled for Miss USA, and his representative confirmed Wednesday that he wouldn't perform. Country singer Craig Wayne Boyd, winner of "The Voice" last year, and pop singer Natalie La Rose also dropped out. There were no more announced performers.

In a Miss USA news release last month, the judges were listed as HGTV star Jonathan Scott, country singer Jessie James Decker, E! News anchor Terrence Jen-

kins, TV host and former Miss Universe winner Zuleyka Rivera and Hall of Famer Emmitt Smith.

Of that quintet, only Decker's name was listed as a judge by Miss USA on its website Wednesday. That's the day Smith dropped out. The pageant lost both of its co-hosts, Cheryl Burke of "Dancing With the Stars" and MSNBC anchor Thomas Roberts, on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Jeannie Mai, who hosted a show on the Style Network, was listed as a show host.

Last week, the hosts of the now-abandoned Univision Spanish-language simulcast, Roselyn Sanchez and Cristian de la Fuente, said they wouldn't take part in

it.

Trump's campaign comments struck many Latinos as insensitive, and Univision's decision last week to back out of televising Miss USA and break off its business ties with Trump led to a cascade of others following suit. Trump responded by suing Univision on Tuesday. Aside from the pageant world, there has growing fallout on other fronts for the GOP presidential hopeful and businessman. On Wednesday, the Macy's department store chain, which carried a Donald Trump menswear line, said it was "distressed" by Trump's remarks and was ending its relationship with him. □

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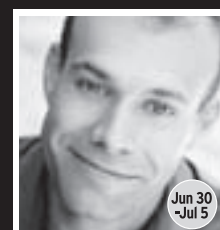
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US Financial Front:

Unemployment falls to 7-year low, but wages are flat

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. unemployment fell to a seven-year low of 5.3 percent and employers hired at a solid pace in June, but other gauges of the job market drew a bleaker picture: A wave of people stopped looking for work, and paychecks failed to budge.

The figures released Thursday capture the persistently uneven nature of the recovery from the Great Recession.

The job market "remains consistent with a two-steps-forward, one-step-back expansion the U.S. economy finds itself in," said Scott Andersen, chief economist at Bank of the West.

The economy gained 223,000 jobs last month, and unemployment edged down from 5.5 percent in May, the Labor Department reported.

That is the lowest jobless rate since April 2008, when it was 5 percent. It eventually soared to 10 percent in late 2009 after the recession had done its worst.



Sophia Lewis, left, with PSEG Long Island, speaks to an attendee about employment opportunities during a job fair at Citi Field in New York. U.S. unemployment fell to a seven-year low of 5.3 percent and employers hired at a solid pace in June.
(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)

Yet unemployment dropped this time mainly because many people out of work apparently got discouraged and gave up looking for a job. The government doesn't count people as unemployed unless they're actively

searching.

In fact, the proportion of Americans working or looking for work slipped to a 38-year low.

At the same time, wages have stalled, rising just 2 percent over the past 12 months. The mixed data suggest the Federal Reserve

may put off plans to raise short-term interest rates and end the stimulus effort that began in 2008. Most economists had expected the Fed to make its move in September.

"After this report, I think it would make sense to wait until December to start that

slow rate increase," said Tara Sinclair, chief economist at the jobs site Indeed and a professor at George Washington University.

A Fed increase would lead to higher rates for mortgages, auto loans and other borrowing.

The sluggish wage growth suggests that many employers see no need to raise pay to attract or retain workers and that there are more people available for hire than the unemployment rate would indicate.

Some quirks of the jobs report might also explain why wages stagnated last month. The government's survey ended relatively early in the month on June 12. As a result, it might have excluded some twice-monthly paychecks, noted John Silvia, chief economist at Wells Fargo.

Another sour note in the report was that construction companies failed to add any jobs in June. Manufacturing gained just 4,000 positions. But health care added 53,000, and retailers 33,000. □



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Top US auto safety regulators say Chrysler to face sanctions

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AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fiat Chrysler will be punished soon for failing to follow the law in 23 recalls involving more than 11 million vehicles, the nation's top auto safety regulator said Thursday.

But Mark Rosekind, administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, wouldn't say what action the agency will take until after a public comment period closes on July 17.

Rosekind spoke after a two-hour public hearing in Washington on Fiat Chrysler's recall performance that featured agency officials detailing an alarming litany of failures to notify customers of recalls, delays in making and distributing repair parts, and in some cases failing to come

up with repairs that fix the problems. Some of the recalls date to 2013, and Rosekind said more allegations against the company could be added.

"The evidence seems very straightforward," Rosekind said. "There's a pattern that's been going on for some time."

Rosekind said a number of options for agency action are "on the table," including fines against the company and requiring it to buy back vehicles subject to recall. NHTSA can fine automakers a maximum of \$35 million per infraction, so Chrysler could face millions in penalties. It's unlikely, though, that the company would face the top fine in all 23 recalls.

Rosekind told reporters that Fiat Chrysler needed to follow the law, meeting deadlines to notify owners and distribute parts. □

Days before referendum, Greeks perplexed and undecided



A woman reads the front pages of the Greek newspapers on the upcoming referendum in central Athens, on Thursday, July 2, 2015. The newspaper at right showing the Greece in map and reading in Greek "The country stand up on Monday".

(AP Photo/Petros Karadjias)

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Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Costas Christoforidis hasn't decided how to vote in Sunday's referendum on a bailout deal for Greece's troubled economy. The problem is, the 37-year-old farmer isn't sure what he's voting for.

"If it's saying 'No' to austerity, then it's a 'No' from me too. But if we are reject-

ing Europe, I disagree with that," he said — a position that many of Greece's perplexed public find themselves in ahead of one of the most important votes in their country's modern history.

As Greek banks and markets remained closed Friday for a fourth day, rival campaigns scrambled to roll out their messages. And a prediction from the International Monetary Fund

that Greece will need piles of additional cash from eurozone countries and others over the next three years put even more pressure on the government.

"Our efforts are focused on overcoming the crisis as fast as possible — with a solution that preserves the dignity and sovereignty of our people," Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said.

The popular 40-year-old prime minister is gambling

his government on a call to voters to reject austerity measures demanded by bailout lenders, despite coming close to a deal last week.

A strong "No" vote, he argued, would help Greece win a new deal with the eurozone's rescue mechanism that would include terms to make the country's 320 billion euro national debt sustainable.

Opponents say he is risking the country's future — asking voters to weigh in on a bailout offer that expired at midnight on Tuesday.

"They are making a serious mistake.

Because the world will consider a 'No' vote to be a withdrawal from the heart of Europe — the first step toward euro exit," former conservative prime minister Costas Karamanlis said, making his first public speech in six years to endorse the "Yes" campaign. Tsipras' argument was also dismissed by the head of the eurozone finance ministers' group, Dutch Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem.

"That suggestion is simply

wrong," Dijsselbloem told lawmakers in the Netherlands.

European officials and the Greek opposition have warned a "No" outcome Sunday could be tantamount to a decision to leave the euro.

"The consequences are not the same if it's a 'Yes' or 'No,'" French President Francois Hollande said.

"If it's the 'Yes,' even if it's on the basis of proposals that have already expired, negotiations can resume and I imagine be quickly concluded," he said. "We are in something of an unknown. It's up to the Greeks to respond."

And in one of the clearest signs yet that the future of the government is on the line in Sunday's vote, the country's outspoken finance minister, Yanis Varoufakis, told Australia's ABC radio he was likely to resign if a "Yes" vote prevails.

Tsipras signaled the same earlier this week, declaring on state TV that he was not an "all-weather" prime minister — a strong indication he would step down if his proposal is defeated. □

At nuke talks : Iran takes hard line on inspections, sanctions

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MATTHEW LEE

Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — Iran took a hard line Thursday on two of the biggest demands of world powers in a final nuclear accord, rejecting any extraordinary inspection rules and threatening to ramp up enrichment of bomb-making material if the United States and other countries re-impose sanctions after the deal is in place.

Speaking to reporters in Vienna, where diplomats are trying to clinch a comprehensive nuclear pact, a senior Iranian negotiator said the U.N. nuclear agency's standard rules governing access to government information, sites of interest and scientists should be sufficient to ensure that Iran's program is solely for peaceful purposes. Anything beyond that, he said,

would be unfair.

The U.S. and some other negotiating countries want Iran to go further.

"We should be realistic," said the Iranian official, who briefed members of the news media on condition he not be quoted by name. He also questioned the legitimacy of countries that don't accept the International Atomic Energy Agency's jurisdiction demanding that Iran be subject to tougher requirements than any other nation. RIA-Novosti reported that Russia also backed Iran's position that additional inspection guidelines for Iran weren't necessary. The official was making a clear reference to Israel, a state widely presumed to maintain an undeclared nuclear arsenal.

But the marker will be a cause of concern for the Obama administration

and some of its negotiating partners, who are hoping to forge an agreement that would curb Iran's atomic program for a decade in exchange for relief from crippling sanctions.

Iran has committed to implementing the IAEA's "additional protocol" for inspections and monitoring as part of an accord. The protocol gives the IAEA expanded access to declared and undeclared nuclear sites, and to the sensitive information of the more than 120 governments that accept its provisions.

But the rules don't guarantee monitors can enter any site they want to and offer no specific guidance about sensitive military sites — an issue of particular interest with Iran, given the long-standing allegations of secret nuclear weapons work at its Parchin base near Tehran. □

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Egypt's warplanes strike back at militants in troubled Sinai

BRIAN ROHAN

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian warplanes launched new airstrikes and troops went house-to-house Thursday in the troubled Sinai Peninsula, a day after Islamic State-linked militants set off the area's bloodiest fighting in decades in an unprecedented, coordinated attack.

The combat, described as "war" by the media and officials, heightened tensions across Egypt as it marks Friday's second anniversary of the military's overthrow of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi, a move that fanned an insurgency in north Sinai that has grown stronger.

It also follows the dramatic assassination this week of the country's chief prosecutor in a car bombing in Cairo, prompting general-turned-politician President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi to press for even harsher anti-terrorism laws targeting Islamic militants.

A special forces raid Wednesday on a Cairo apartment killed nine mem-



An Egyptian military tank patrols on the Egyptian side of the border, seen from the south of the Gaza Strip, Thursday, July 2, 2015. The Egyptian military killed 23 extremists in dawn raids Thursday in northern Sinai, security officials said, a day after Islamic militants attacked army positions in the restive peninsula and set off the bloodiest fighting in decades.

bers of Morsi's outlawed Muslim Brotherhood, which responded by calling for a "rebellion."

Air raids at dawn Thursday killed 23 extremists just south of Rafah, a key Sinai border town near the Gaza Strip, Sinai security officials said. They added that the army was searching for mili-

itants in the town of Sheikh Zuweid, where a string of army checkpoints were attacked a day earlier.

Soldiers were demining roads in and around the area that had been booby trapped with mines and improvised explosive devices, the officials said, speaking

on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

The army also raided a house in Rafah, killing six armed IS militants wearing military uniforms, the officials said, adding that it had cleared the area

(AP Photo/Adel Hana)

around the Sheikh Zuweid police station of mines and IEDs.

An Associated Press reporter across the border in the Gaza Strip heard explosions and saw smoke rising in the area as airstrikes continued in the afternoon and warplanes roared overhead. Two armored personnel carriers were seen maneuvering in the border area.

Militants in northern Sinai have battled security forces for years, but they stepped up their attacks after Morsi's ouster on July 3, 2013, which followed mass demonstrations against his rule. El-Sissi led the ouster and was elected president last year.

Authorities and pro-government media have blamed much of the recent violence on the Brotherhood, which has been branded a terrorist group. The Brotherhood denies involvement, although it and other Morsi supporters have faced a sweeping crackdown that has led to thousands of arrests, mass convictions and death sentences. □

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Tunisia: 8 suspects held in beach attack

BEN BOUAZZA

Associated Press

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Eight people are in custody in Tunisia, suspected of having direct links to a deadly beach attack that killed 38 people, but four other possible suspects have been released, a minister said Thursday.

The British Foreign Office, meanwhile, raised the death toll of British tourists killed in Friday's attack from 27 to 30. Other European tourists were among the dead. The attack was Tunisia's deadliest ever and threatens to be a devastating blow to its tourism sector.

In Britain, bereaved relatives looked on at an air base in Oxfordshire as a military plane flew home the remains of nine Britons on Thursday, a day after another flight returned eight other bodies.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for

the attack, in which Tunisian student Seifeddine Rezgui opened fire on a beach in the resort of Sousse. He was later killed by police.

Government minister Kamel Jendoubi told reporters Thursday in Tunis the eight still detained — seven men and one woman — are suspected of direct links to the attack. He did not elaborate on their identities or roles, saying only that the investigation "has allowed us to discover the network behind the operation in Sousse." The minister also urged greater international terrorism cooperation in a "war ... between democratic Tunisia and an international jihadi movement." Sofiane Selliki, an official in the prosecutor's office, said no one had been brought before a judge for charges. A top security official told the AP this week that Rezgui had trained in a jihadi camp in Libya at the same time as the two men

who attacked a leading Tunisian museum in March, killing near. That raised fears of more attacks on this North African nation's budding democracy.

More Tunisians — about 3,000 — are believed to have gone to Syria and Iraq to join radical jihadis including the Islamic State group than fighters from any other country. British vacationers made up the majority of the 38 killed on the beach, and further repatriation flights are expected in coming days.

Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond said earlier that all 30 British victims have been identified. Package holiday firms Thomson and First Choice confirmed that all were their customers.

A minute's silence in memory of the victims will be observed Friday, a week after the rampage, and flags will be flown at half-staff over London's Whitehall and Buckingham Palace. □



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Blacklist warnings broaden on websites in North Korea

ERIC TALMADGE
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — North Korea, already one of the least-wired places in the world, appears to be cracking down on the use of the Internet by even the small number of foreigners who can access it with relative freedom by blacklisting and blocking social media accounts or websites deemed to carry harmful content. The move won't be noticed by most in the North since hardly anyone has access to the Internet. But it could signal increasing concern in Pyongyang over the flow of real-time photos, tweets and status updates getting out to the world and an attempt to further limit what the few North Koreans able to view the Internet can see.

Warnings, in Korean and English, are now appearing on a wide array of sites, including social media such as Instagram, Tumblr and Flickr and websites like the South Korean news agency Yonhap, along with specific articles about the country. The warnings say the sites have been blacklisted for harmful content and cannot be accessed.

There has been no announcement of a policy change by the North Korean government or the North's mobile service carrier, Koryolink, a joint venture with Egypt's Orascom Telecom and Media Technology. With no official confirmation, it was impossible to rule out the possibility the warnings resulted from a hack of some sort. The explicit blacklisting of sites would be a break with past practice in North Korea, when officials most likely monitored the Internet activity of foreign users but did so quietly. The 3G data connection on mobile phones itself has not been disrupted and many sites, including Facebook and Twitter, continued to function normally. But signs of concern that local eyes may be trying to peek into the crack opened for foreigners to use the Internet have been growing.

From late last year, Koryolink began blocking the function that allows smart phones to be turned into wifi hotspots that can share their Internet connection with other nearby devices. Officials last year also tightened restrictions on wifi use at embassies, probably to keep local residents from illegally "piggybacking" off of wifi signals near their compounds.

If not the result of a hack, the scattershot nature of the blacklist warnings and the relative ease with which they can be circumvented would suggest a more tentative and possibly experimental effort at controlling Internet use than the sophisticated Great Firewall that makes it impossible for most Chinese to access Facebook or even the widespread government censorship of Internet sites in South Korea.

"This effort seems a bit random," said James Lewis, an expert in computer security who is a director and senior fellow at the Washington D.C.-based Center for Strategic and International Studies. "Why send a warning about some sites, block some, but not block others? Either the DPRK is developing a more comprehensive policy but changed their mind, or they've been hacked." □



Li Tingting, second from right, laughs as she is lifted off the ground by her wife Teresa Xu, right, outside of a beauty salon where the two were preparing for their wedding as clerks from an adjacent shop look on in Beijing, Thursday, July 2, 2015. (AP Photo/Mark Schiefelbein)

In push for same-sex unions; China gay couple holds informal marriage

DIDI TANG
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — A prominent Chinese lesbian couple held a simple ceremony Thursday to announce their informal marriage, in their latest effort to push for the legalization of same-sex unions in China.

The union of Li Tingting and Teresa Xu came six days after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled to validate same-sex marriages in the United States, and four months after Li was detained in China for her women's rights activism.

China does not legally permit same-sex marriage, and there is no broad social effort to push for its legalization.

"I do," Li said in English, as friends cheered. "So do I," replied Xu, also in English. They exchanged vows and put on silver rings serving as wedding bands in front of about 20 friends and an equal number of journalists

gathered at a restaurant in a suburb of Beijing decorated with balloons, rainbow flags and their photos.

"We want to take some action to advocate for same-sex marriage," Li said earlier in a salon, while Xu was having her hair styled. "It's doing the impossible when you know it's impossible, but it takes those constant efforts to make changes in history."

Li was detained in early March with four others amid China's crackdown on social activism. They were taken into police custody in a criminal investigation over their plans to hand out stickers and flyers denouncing sexual harassment. Foreign governments, rights groups and Hillary Clinton, who is running for U.S. President, criticized their detention. The five were released 37 days later, although they remain criminal suspects.

The experience prompted Xu to consider a stronger

bond with Li. "I love her, and after her detention I wanted to be closer to her but not merely as her girlfriend," Xu said. "I love her courage and her sense of justice."

The U.S. Supreme Court decision inspired them to seek their own version of a same-sex marriage, Li said.

"That's a U.S. law. What use does it have in China?" Li said. "We think we should do something ourselves."

Within days, the couple picked up wedding gowns, scheduled salon sessions for their hair and makeup and reserved the banquet room.

The couple had initially considered showing up at the local civil affairs office to apply for a marriage license but stopped the plan so as not to upset the authorities.

"They could detain me on the charge of assembling illegally or provoking trouble to disrupt social order," Li said. □

Senator ends visit to Venezuela, urges moderation

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Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— The chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee wrapped up a trip to crisis-plagued Venezuela by warning the country is on a “destructive path” that could result in more suffering unless the socialist government adopts more moderate policies before congressional elections.

Sen. Bob Corker, a Republican from Tennessee, met this week in Caracas with members of the opposition, including relatives of jailed politicians, as well as government officials. The surprise visit, the first in years by a U.S. senator, follows weeks of high-level meetings between President Nicolas Maduro and State Department envoys as the Obama administration seeks to reduce ten-

sions with its fiercest critic in Latin America.

“It is very sad to see that the country’s flawed economic policies and political system have put Venezuela on such a destructive path,” Corker said in a statement issued Thursday upon his return to the U.S. He urged Venezuelan leaders on all sides to embrace free markets and to respect human rights and the rule of law among

other policies, saying that is needed to prevent a further breakdown of order in a country already suffering from triple-digit inflation and widespread shortages. He said the months leading up to Dec. 6 legislative elections, which polls say the opposition is heavily favored to win, “will show the world whether Venezuela is willing to take even modest steps toward this end.” □

AP: Cuba launches first public hotspots on Havana avenue

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP)

— Cuban authorities have launched public Wi-Fi hotspots along a main avenue that is the heart of Havana’s cultural and social life, the first step in government promises to gradually roll out such connectivity options on an island that the Internet revolution has largely passed by.

Authorities have been installing the boxy white routers on buildings along 23rd Street in the Vedado theater, nightclub and business district in recent weeks, and they apparently went live Wednesday night.

Dozens of people, many of them young, sat on stairs and stoops tapping away at smartphones, tablets and laptops Thursday on the street known locally as “The Ramp” for its gentle uphill slope from the sea.

Angel Padron, a 16-year-old who lives a few steps off 23rd Street, called the signal speed “acceptable,” robust enough to load videos on YouTube.

“Before I used to have to go to the hotels,” Padron said, referring to one of the few sources of wireless in the country, and where an hour online can cost a third of what most Cubans make in a month. “It’s like they’ve put this in my living room, given me wings to fly around the Internet.”

“I got here early and spent about 40 minutes” online, he added.

State telecom monopoly Etecsa announced in mid-June that it would open 35 such hotspots around the island.

Users need to have an account registered with Etecsa, and the service costs \$2 an hour — accessible for some Cubans who have relatively higher-paying private-sector jobs or relatives overseas who send remittances. But it’s still a high barrier of entry for many people who make around \$20 a month from state salaries.

Wilmer Cruz, a 31-year-old beauty salon owner, called the price “a little expensive” but gave positive reviews. □

Top US diplomat in Cuba on short list for embassy

ANITA SNOW

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP)

— From his office high above Havana, Jeffrey DeLaurentis has a sweeping view of the cerulean Florida Straits and the blood-red letters declaring Cuba’s defiance of the United States.

“Homeland or Death!” reads the sign erected in front of the U.S. Interests Section, a declaration installed 15 years ago when DeLaurentis was a more junior officer working to defuse a standoff over the fate of child rafter Elian Gonzalez.

Now, on this third assignment in communist Cuba, DeLaurentis is the top U.S. diplomat on the island, working to bring an end to more than a half-century of hostilities between the two countries. Known for his low-key style and public discretion, the 61-year-old diplomat also is on a short list for U.S. ambassador to Cuba, if there is to be one. On Wednesday, DeLaurentis hand-delivered a letter from the White House to the Cuban Foreign Ministry about converting missions known as interest sections in the countries’ respective capitals into full embassies. Cuba said ceremonies to do that will be held July 20, though the U.S. State Department said it does not yet have a date.

Several Republicans in Congress have vowed to block the appointment of an ambassador to Havana and hold up funding for the embassy.

“There aren’t many diplomats who could represent

the United States in Havana during this sensitive, but promising chapter,” former Cuban diplomat

ministration ultimately backed the parental rights of Elian’s father in Cuba and returned the boy.

computers to the parish at a time that such technology in the hands of a non-governmental entity was



Jeffrey DeLaurentis, center, chief of mission at the U.S. Interests Section in Havana, listens to a press conference at the official residence of the US Interests Section chief in Havana, Cuba. DeLaurentis is the top U.S. diplomat on the island and on a short list for U.S. ambassador to Cuba. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

Carlos Alzugaray said. “Jeff is one of them.”

DeLaurentis was a consular officer in Cuba in 1991-93, when the island was plunged into economic crisis with the Soviet Union’s collapse. As head of the U.S. Interests Section’s economic and political section in 1999-2002, DeLaurentis was a key negotiator in the fight over Elian Gonzalez’s custody.

Vicki Huddleston, who headed the mission then, said DeLaurentis’ quiet diplomacy helped dial down tensions when Cuban officials threatened a mass migration of rafters if the young castaway wasn’t returned to his homeland. President Bill Clinton’s ad-

DeLaurentis also was “instrumental” in discussions with Cuban officials over the decision by U.S. President George W. Bush’s administration to use the Guantanamo naval base in eastern Cuba to house prisoners held on terrorism charges following the Sept. 11 attacks.

“He always sort of quietly pushed the envelope with Cuban officials, but they always gave him a lot of credit,” Huddleston said. “He was always spot-on in interpreting Cuban motives and actions.”

Huddleston recalled that she and DeLaurentis attended Mass at a local Roman Catholic church and he worked to get

viewed suspiciously. Huddleston was succeeded as head of mission by James Cason, who enraged Fidel Castro by meeting with government opponents at a dissident’s home in 2003. Seventy-five dissidents were arrested several weeks later.

Negotiations to free USAID contractor Alan Gross were under way for months before DeLaurentis returned to Havana as head of mission last August. Presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro of Cuba announced a deal on Dec. 17 to free Gross and three Cuban prisoners in the United States and to work toward renewing diplomatic relations. □



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tions, as well as a private dining room for special occasions.

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ORANJESTAD - Club di Movimiento's dancers entertained the Aruban community last weekend with beautiful ballet choreography and Aruban/Antillian songs, including Pisca Cora - IPA students project; Yuwana Ana - Lila Richardson; Sapo - Daniel Werleman; Polka - Rudy Plaatje; Colleccion di pop-chi - Lilia Luidens; and Encantadora - Hildward Croes/Rufo Wever. Polka, Colleccion di pop-



chi and Yuwana Ana was performed by invited guest Chore Tutti- Frutti under the direction of Miss Maybeline Arends.

At first act Mr. Ferdinand Franca carried the principal theatrical character and Mister Marvin Rouse professional dancer per-

formed the Pas de Trois, from composer Carlos Bislip and Pas de deux from composer Abo so, Padu Lampe. Students and cast were from age 3 till 50 years. The second act was a diversity of dance styles with Latin, Jazz, Afro Modern, Street dance, Lyrical, Contemporary, Acrobatics and Tap Dances. The second act had a special participation from Youth Ballet Companionship - CDM pre-professional dance group performing Acro - acrobatic dance, under pressure - contemporary dance and Rhapsody - point contemporary choreography with advance technique skills. Federika Sydow performed



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ORANJESTAD - Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino, well known for its 40-acre private island exclusive to guests, is home to the only population of pink flamingos in Aruba. In honor of National Pink Flamingo Day, the resort announced the wedding of two resident flamingos, Allie and Noah, launching an all encompassing, feather-focused campaign urging guests to discover these beautiful creatures as well as Aruba's historical and hidden gems. It was love at first sight at Renaissance Private Island when flamingos Allie and Noah first met; ever since then, their passionate love continues to exemplify the

romance found at Renaissance Aruba as extraordinary, unconditional and everlasting. In honor of National Pink Flamingo Day, Renaissance Aruba married the local flamingo couple on the resort's infamous private island. Although the exchange of vows was a private and intimate event, Renaissance Aruba shared images and a wedding video of the occasion on social media for all to enjoy. Guests were invited to celebrate this joyous union at the resort's BLUE bar "Let's Flamingo Happy Hour". In addition to the flamingo frenzy wedding, Renaissance Aruba shared a charity driven Facebook post with

fun pictures of the flamingo bride and groom. In lieu of gifts, the flamingo couple made a donation to a non-profit animal welfare organization, Animal Rights Aruba. For every Facebook "like" and "share," the resort matched it with a florin (the Aruban dollar) donation. Renaissance Aruba made a donation of 2,500 florins to ARA, this week. The check was handed out by Mr. Paul Gielen, Renaissance Aruba general manager and received by ARA representative Mrs. Nathalie Booi.

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Rafael Nadal of Spain walks after losing the singles match against Dustin Brown of Germany, at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Thursday July 2, 2015.

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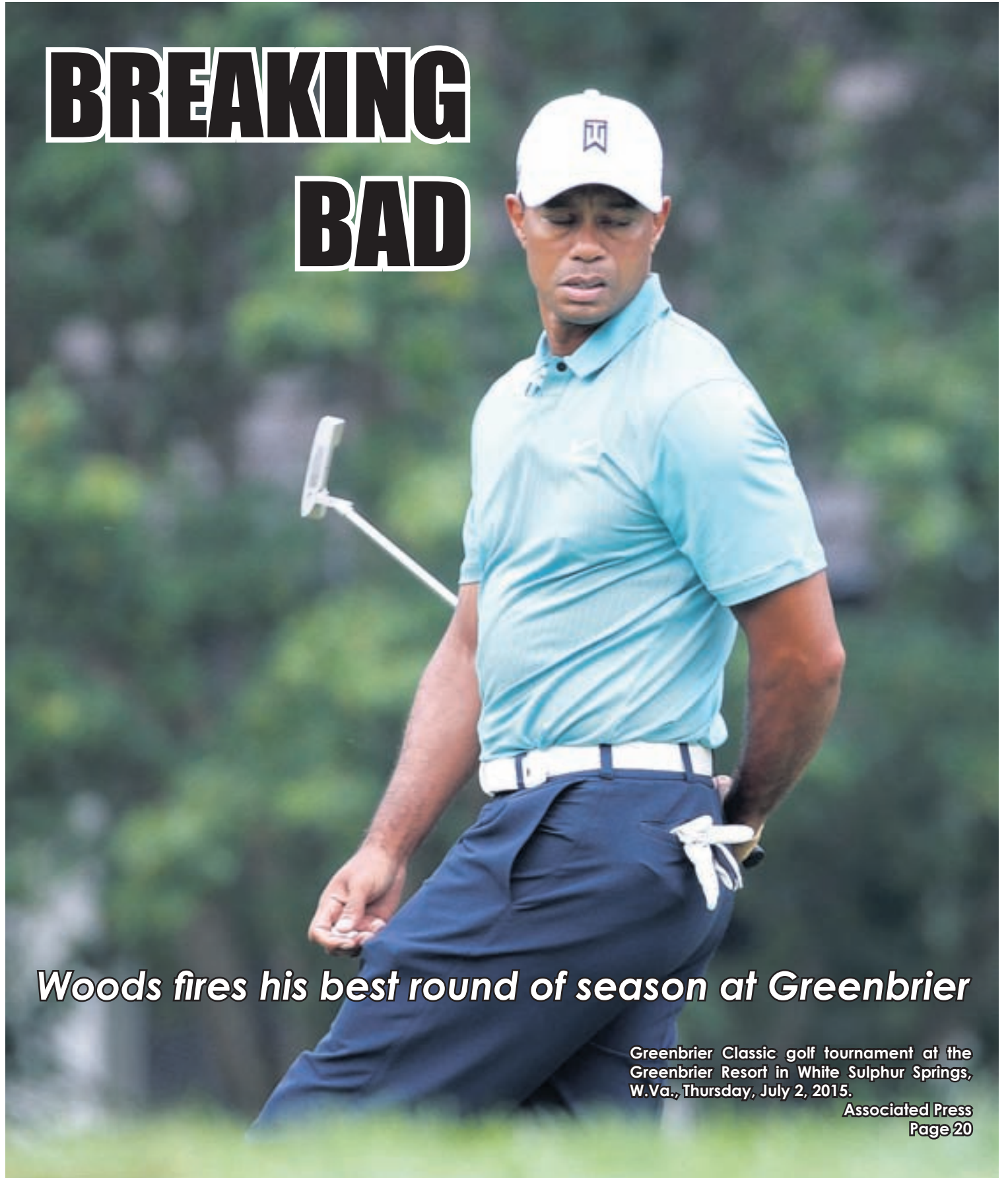
For 4th year in row, Nadal loses early at Wimbledon

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AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — On the final point of the first set of his latest Wimbledon disappointment, Rafael Nadal swung his mighty, lefty forehand — and whiffed, accidentally whacking his right leg with his racket. It was a painful, embarrassing mistake, symbolic of the sort of day this was. During five trips to the All England Club from 2006-11, Nadal reached the final every time. In his most recent four appearances, though, Nadal has exited early against an unheralded, unaccomplished and, most importantly, unafraid opponent ranked 100th or worse.

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BREAKING BAD



Woods fires his best round of season at Greenbrier

Greenbrier Classic golf tournament at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., Thursday, July 2, 2015.

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Dustin Brown of Germany returns a ball to Rafael Nadal of Spain during their singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Thursday July 2, 2015.

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On Thursday, Nadal lost 7-5, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the second round to Dustin Brown,

who needed to qualify just to enter the main draw.

"It's not the end," Nadal said. "(It's) a sad moment

for me ... but life continues. My career, too."

Toni Nadal, Rafael's uncle and coach, summed up

Wimbledon

the Centre Court match this way: "He played really bad. Bad shots. Very bad with his forehand."

All true. But give credit to Brown and his varied, risky and entertaining brand of tennis, a mix of old-school serve-and-volleying, drop shots, drop volleys and go-for-it returns.

"I had nothing to lose. If I lose 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, everyone says 'Bravo, Rafa,'" Brown said.

The 30-year-old Brown was born in Germany to a Jamaican father — whose face is tattooed on Brown's stomach — and German mother. They moved to Jamaica when he was 12 and returned to Europe about a decade ago. Around that time, his parents bought him an RV so he could drive from tournament to tournament.

Who could have imagined this sort of triumph back then? Or, frankly, even now?

After all, Brown is ranked 102nd, entered Thursday with a 6-11 record in 2015 and has never been past the third round at a major. Nadal, meanwhile, is a former No. 1 and the owner of 14 major titles, tied with Pete Sampras for second-most behind Roger Federer's 17.

Federer joined Andy Murray and Petra Kvitova as past Wimbledon champions picking up straightforward, straight-set victories Thursday. Federer's 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 win over Sam Querrey of the U.S. included one particularly memorable moment — an on-the-run, between-the-legs lob.

"You want to go over and give him a high-five sometimes," Querrey said, "but you can't do that."

Nadal used to leave opponents feeling that way, too. Not lately. He missed time last season with a right wrist injury, then needed appendix surgery, and has spoken about confidence issues.

After his run of five consecutive French Open titles ended last month with a quarterfinal loss to Novak Djokovic, Nadal's ranking dropped to 10th, his worst in 10 years.

Now he has failed to win any of his past four major tournaments, not even reaching the semifinals. It's the 29-year-old Spaniard's longest drought since the first five Slams of his career. Consider, too, Nadal's history at Wimbledon. He lost to Federer in the 2006 and 2007 finals, then beat him 9-7 in the fifth set of the epic 2008 final. After missing the 2009 tournament because of injury, Nadal collected another trophy in 2010, then lost to Djokovic in the 2011 final.

"I don't know if I will be back to (that) level," Nadal acknowledged.

In 2012, he lost to No. 100 Lukas Rosol in the second round. In 2013, he lost to No. 135 Steve Darcis in the first. And last year, he lost to No. 144 Nick Kyrgios in the fourth.

Like those guys, Brown played wonderfully. His back-length dreadlocks jumping around as he raced to the net, Brown serve-and-volleyed on 99 of 114 service points, winning 71 of those. He hit serves at up to 133 mph (215 kph).

"Whatever I do is to take him out of his comfort zone," Brown said.

Most importantly, he never let up.

"I'm very happy that I held it together for the whole match," said Brown, who also beat Nadal on grass in Germany last year.

This match turned for good at 2-all in the third set, when Nadal's pair of double-faults handed over a break point that Brown converted with a drop-volley winner. Brown looked up at his guest box, where folks were jumping and yelling and fist-pumping wildly.

At least Nadal, who never earned a break chance over the last two sets, was able to joke afterward.

When a reporter asked whether he would stick around at his rented place before heading home, Nadal replied: "I don't have more work here in London, so if you want to use the house, (it's) going to be free tomorrow." □

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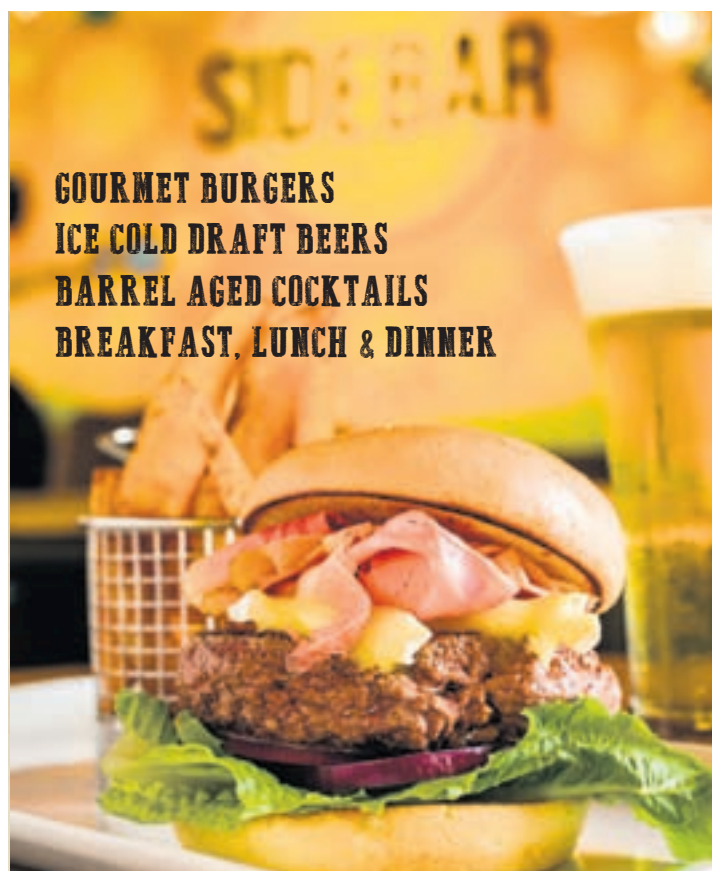
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Love stays, Chandler moves, dollars fly in NBA free agency

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AP Basketball Writer**

Kevin Love has unfinished business in Cleveland and Tyson Chandler will make Phoenix a new contender in the NBA's tough Western Conference.

The first full day of NBA free agency featured skyrocketing salaries and a flurry of moves, though no decision yet from Portland star LaMarcus Aldridge. Players and teams agreed to more than \$1 billion worth of deals on Wednesday. During free agency, players who are out of contract can sign new deals with either their current team or a different one, unless they are restricted free agents, meaning their current club can match any offer received.

Love made his decision quickly, opting to stay with the Cavaliers on a five-year

deal that could be worth more than \$110 million. He revealed his decision in a piece in The Players' Tribune, former baseball star Derek Jeter's new sports digital venture.

"We have unfinished business and now it's time to get back to work," Love wrote.

Jimmy Butler and Mike Dunleavy also stayed put in Chicago for around \$115 million combined, Slovenian guard Goran Dragic is remaining in Miami and Paul Millsap will stick with Atlanta.

But Paul Pierce and plenty of players were on the move with salaries soaring ahead of next year's new TV contracts that might make Wednesday's action seem tame next summer.

"I LUV that the players are bank rolling, capitalize and seize the moment,"

NBA Hall of Fame guard and television analyst Reggie Miller wrote on Twitter. "Trust me the owners and the league are making money, so should you."

Chandler will get his pay rise in Phoenix, taking \$52 million over four years to leave Dallas, while Atlanta's DeMarre Carroll agreed to a deal with Toronto for \$60 million over four years.

Pierce then left Washington to reunite with former Boston coach Doc Rivers by joining the Los Angeles Clippers on a \$10 million contract.

Terms of all the deals were confirmed to The Associated Press by people with knowledge of the details. They were granted anonymity because contracts can only be agreed to during the first week of free agency. They can't



In this April 23, 2015, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers forward Kevin Love (0) looks to pass during the first quarter of a first-round NBA playoff basketball game against the Boston Celtics in Boston.

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be signed until July 9, after next season's salary cap is set.

Millsap was rewarded for his strong play in Atlanta with a three-year deal worth about \$59 million, as the Hawks made sure not to lose both starting forwards after Carroll's departure.

Aldridge was busy meeting with teams for a second straight day while he decides whether to leave Portland. His representatives wrote on Twitter on

Wednesday afternoon that he had made no decisions, even following reports that the Lakers had been eliminated.

The Spurs were among the teams hoping to land him and were making moves to entice him.

Aldridge was among the top big men available when the market opened early Wednesday morning, considered by many the best one who might consider moving. □

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Tiger Woods shoots 4-under 66 at Greenbrier Classic

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WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP) — For a change, Tiger Woods got off to a good start.

Woods rebounded from a dismal U.S. Open with a 4-under-par 66 in Thursday's opening round of The Greenbrier Classic, four shots behind leader Scott Langley.

Helped by a morning rain that softened the Old White TPC course in West Virginia, Woods posted his lowest score of the season and matched his best in relation to par.

It was only the fourth time he shot in the 60s in 21 rounds. None were on the first day of a tournament.

"Overall I can't really say I hit any great shots, but I hit a lot of good ones," Woods said. "I hit the ball better than what my score indicates."

Two weeks ago at the U.S. Open, Woods had the highest 36-hole score of his pro career — 156.

Woods came to Greenbrier ranked No. 202 in the world and faced with the prospect of missing cuts in consecutive tournaments



Tiger Woods reacts to missed putt by tossing his putter on the 18th hole during the first round of the Greenbrier Classic golf tournament at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., Thursday July 2, 2015.

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for the first time since 1994. For one round, at least, his solid game returned.

"Overall, if you drive the ball well here, you're going to probably have at least seven shots with 9-iron or below into the greens, and you're going to have to capitalize on that," Woods said. "So far I'm one of those guys who did."

Woods started on the back nine Thursday and birdied three of his first seven holes. He made bogey on the par-5 17th after his drive went into a hazard to the right, and a double bogey from a greenside bunker on the sixth hole left him at 1 under on his round.

Woods said he adjusted his aim later in the round after noticing that playing partners Steve Stricker and David Lingmerth were missing putts on the high side of the hole.

"I lowered my line just a touch, maybe half a ball here and there, and it seemed to pay off," he said.

Woods finished with three straight birdies, making bending putts of 18 and 19 feet on the final two holes.

"Just trying to get back to

3 (under), and we just happened to pull off a hat trick coming home," he said.

Jonathan Byrd and Danny Lee were a stroke behind Langley after 7-under 63s. Brian Davis and Ryo Ishikawa were at 64.

Friends Langley and Byrd both said they fed off each other during their morning round. They were tied at 7 under before Langley surged ahead with a short birdie putt at the par-4 16th. Neither has a top 10 finish this season and both need some solid results to be among the 125 qualifiers for the FedEx Cup playoffs starting in late August.

"I got a little down on myself earlier in the year because the results weren't really there," Langley said. "I kind of looked at myself in the mirror and said, you know, at the end of the day, I need to be the most positive guy in the field week in and week out."

Langley, seeking his first win on the PGA Tour, finished 25th at the Travelers Championship a week ago. He hit 17 greens in regulation in his bogey-free round Thursday.



Cleveland Indians starter Carlos Carrasco watches the RBI-single to right center by Tampa Bay Rays' Joey Butler that ended his no-hitter with two outs during the ninth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, July 1, 2015, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Carrasco loses no-no with 2 outs in 9th

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ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)

— Carlos Carrasco came within one strike of throwing the Cleveland Indians' first no-hitter since 1981 on Wednesday night, giving up an RBI single to Joey Butler over leaping second baseman Jason Kipnis' glove in an 8-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

For the third straight night, the Indians took a perfect game into the sixth inning

against the Rays. This time, Carrasco retired the first 19 batters before walking Butler with one out in the seventh.

Washington's Max Scherzer lost his perfect game with one strike to go on June 20 but finished with a no-hitter, the second in the major leagues this season.

Carrasco walked Astrubal Cabrera leading off the ninth, then hit pinch-hitter Brandon Guyer with

a pitch. Grady Sizemore, also pinch hitting, grounded into a force play and Kevin Kiermaier struck out to bring Butler to the plate with a crowd of 11,394 at Tropicana Field on its feet. Butler lined an 0-2 pitch over Kipnis, who jumped high in the air to make an attempt at the ball and fell flat to the ground as the line drive landed cleanly in the outfield. Carrasco smiled, clapped into his glove sev-

eral times and pointed at the second baseman in appreciation of his effort.

ASTROS 6, ROYALS 5

HOUSTON (AP) — Jose Altuve had three hits and scored the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning to help Houston complete a three-game sweep of Kansas City.

The game was tied at 5 in the seventh when Kelvin Herrera (1-2) plunked Altuve on the forearm.

Hernandez, Anderson lead Dodgers past Dbacks

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PHOENIX (AP) — Kike Hernandez had three hits, including a triple and a double, and Brett Anderson pitched seven strong innings for his third straight victory as Los Angeles defeated Arizona. The NL West-leading Dodgers beat the Diamondbacks for the ninth time in the past 10 meetings and recorded their first winning road trip of the season with a 6-4 mark in the 10-game swing to Chicago, Miami and Arizona.

Anderson (5-4) stranded six runners and allowed one run and seven hits, striking out seven and walking two. The Diamondbacks' run came on Aaron Hill's home run in the sixth. Hernandez ripped a lead-off triple to start the game and scored on Howie Kendrick's sacrifice fly. Robbie Ray (2-4) took the loss after allowing four runs and seven hits with six strikeouts and two walks in six innings.

WHITE SOX 7, CARDINALS 1
ST. LOUIS (AP) — Melky Cabrera homered to back a strong outing from Jose Quintana, and the White Sox pulled away late in a game interrupted by three rain delays to beat the Cardinals and complete a two-game sweep.

The Cardinals were 0 for 16 with runners in scoring position in the series, including seven hitless at-bats Wednesday. Quintana (4-7) allowed a run in six innings with eight strikeouts to win for the first time in four starts. Cabrera homered in the sixth to give the White Sox the lead. Tyler Flowers also homered.

There were 2 hours, 19 minutes in delays. John Lackey (6-5) allowed two runs in seven innings with six strikeouts and two walks.

CUBS 2, METS 0, 11 INNINGS
NEW YORK (AP) — Starlin Castro legged out a run-scoring infield single in the 11th inning, and the Chicago Cubs blanked punchless New York for its second consecutive shutout at Citi Field.

Jon Lester returned to form



Los Angeles Dodgers' Enrique Hernandez (14) scores a run ahead of the tag by Arizona Diamondbacks' Jarrod Saltalamacchia, back right, as umpire Mike Muchlinski, right, watches during the third inning of a baseball game Wednesday, July 1, 2015, in Phoenix.

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with seven sharp innings, and the Cubs overcame a major baserunning blunder to score twice in the 11th. Miguel Montero added an RBI single and Chicago won its eighth straight against the Mets, including the first six of seven meetings this season.

The staggering Mets botched a suicide squeeze in the eighth and a double-play ball in the 11th during their latest flop at the plate. After neither team was able to score for 10 innings, the Cubs broke through against Carlos Torres (2-4). Jason Motte (6-1) fanned two in a hitless inning and Justin Grimm threw a called third strike past Kevin Plawecki with runners at the corners for his first major league save.

BRAVES 4, NATIONALS 1
ATLANTA (AP) — A.J. Pierzynski and Juan Uribe hit back-to-back homers in a four-run fourth inning and Atlanta beat Washington to end a streak of nine straight losses in the season series.

Rookie Matt Wisler allowed one hit in 5 1-3 scoreless innings to make up for a loss to the Nationals in his last start. Wisler had a run-scoring single in the big fourth inning, his first career hit. Wisler (2-1) overcame five walks in his rematch against Nationals' right-hander Doug Fister (3-4), who allowed four runs in six innings.

Pierzynski hit a two-run homer to right field off Fis-

ter before Uribe followed with his shot over the wall in center.

The start of the game was delayed 2 hours, 9 minutes by rain.

MARLINS 6, GIANTS 5
MIAMI (AP) — Justin Bour hit a three-run homer with no outs in the ninth inning, and Miami overcame three errors and a flurry of double-play grounders to rally past San Francisco.

The Marlins squandered a 3-1 lead and tied a franchise record by hitting into five double plays. But they came back in the ninth against Santiago Casilla (4-2), who blew a save for the fourth time in 24 chances. The Marlins trailed 5-3 to start the ninth when Christian Yelich led off with a single. Adeiny Hechavarria singled, and Bour pulled a 1-0 pitch over the fence in right field for his eighth homer and first career walk-off homer.

Steve Cishek (2-5) pitched a scoreless ninth for Miami, which won despite being out-hit 14-8.

BREWERS 9, PHILLIES 5
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Adam Lind homered, Scooter Gennett doubled twice, tripled and drove in three runs and hot-hitting Milwaukee won its season-best fourth straight game. Ryan Braun and Aramis Ramirez each doubled and had two RBIs for Milwaukee. Gerardo Parra and Kyle Lohse had three hits apiece for the Brewers, who had a season-high 17

hits. Maikel Franco had a three doubles and two RBIs for Philadelphia, which lost its sixth in the last seven to fall to 27-53. The Phillies have the worst record in baseball. Lohse (5-9) allowed four runs on nine hits in 6 1/3 innings with four strikeouts and two walks. Aaron Harang (4-11) lost his eighth straight game in his worst outing of the season. Harang gave up eight runs

on a career-high 14 hits in five innings.

REDS 4, TWINS 1
CINCINNATI (AP) — Johnny Cueto made his best start yet since returning from a sore elbow, allowing four hits in eight innings, and Cincinnati beat Minnesota to take the interleague series. The game started 12 hours after the Twins' 8-5 win on Tuesday night following a long weather delay. □

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U.S. files formal extradition request for 7 FIFA officials

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GENEVA (AP) — The United States has submitted a formal request for Switzerland to extradite seven FIFA officials arrested in Zurich as part of a corruption probe that has rocked soccer's world governing body. Switzerland's Federal Office of Justice said Thursday that the requests were received from the U.S. embassy in Bern. The expected demands submitted late Wednesday met a 40-day deadline since the seven were detained early May 27 in raids on a luxury hotel in FIFA's home city.

All seven men detained in Zurich, including three current and former members of FIFA's executive committee, have already objected to extradition. They face around 20 years in prison. The widening American investigation already alleges bribery and racketeering worth more than \$150 million involving high-ranking FIFA officials over a 24-year span.

The U.S. Department of Justice published an indictment of 14 soccer and marketing officials in May which alleged bribery linked to awarding broadcast rights for international tournaments in North and



In this Friday, Feb. 27, 2015 file photo, President of FIFA Sepp Blatter arrives at the Culloden Hotel, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

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South America.

"These crimes are thought to have been agreed and prepared in the USA, and payments were allegedly routed through US banks," the Swiss justice ministry said in a statement Thursday.

The seven will be heard by Zurich cantonal (State) police and granted a 14-day period to respond to federal officials about the extradition request, the Swiss justice ministry said.

Swiss justice officials will then rule "within a few weeks" on whether to extradite them. That ruling can be appealed to Switzerland's top criminal court and supreme court.

The seven men include FIFA vice president Jeffrey

Webb of the Cayman Islands and Eugenio Figueredo of Uruguay, who was arrested two days before his FIFA vice presidential term expired.

Costa Rican soccer federation president Eduardo Li was arrested two days before he was due to formally join FIFA's executive committee.

Former Brazilian federation chief Jose Maria Marin led the 2014 World Cup local organizing committee and is a member of the FIFA panel organizing the men's and women's tournaments at next year's Olympic Games.

The others are Venezuela FA chief Rafael Esquivel; FIFA staffer Julio Rocha, a development officer from

Nicaragua; and Costas Takkas, a Briton who works for CONCACAF President Webb.

The other seven men among the 14 indicted include disgraced former FIFA vice president Jack Warner of Trinidad and Tobago, and former FIFA executive committee member Nicolas Leoz of Paraguay, the longtime former president of South American governing body CONMEBOL.

Warner and Leoz, who left FIFA in 2011 and 2013, respectively, to avoid sanctions for unethical behavior, are fighting extradition to the U.S. from their home countries.

A further four men have entered guilty pleas which were unsealed in May. They include American former FIFA executive panel member Chuck Blazer and two sons of Warner.

The indictment revealed that Blazer admitted being part of a \$10 million bribe scheme with Warner for supporting South Africa's successful bid to host the 2010 World Cup. A third South American FIFA voter was also involved, Blazer alleged.

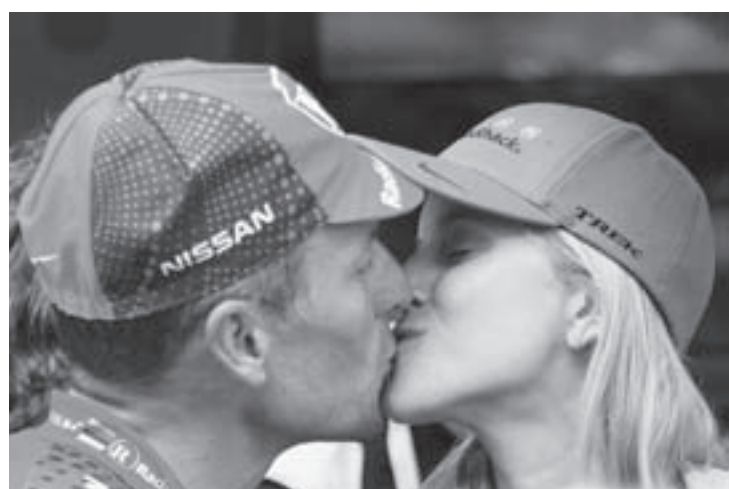
FIFA has acknowledged that its secretary general Jerome Valcke helped

transfer the money through its accounts at South Africa's request. FIFA and Valcke said the cash was believed to be for soccer projects for the African diaspora in the Caribbean, and was approved by Julio Grondona of Argentina, the chairman of FIFA's finance committee who died last year.

American law enforcement officials have confirmed that FIFA President Sepp Blatter is a target of the investigation which is expected to bring more indictments.

"Whoever accuses me of being corrupt has to prove it to me first," Blatter said in extracts of an interview released Wednesday by German weekly magazine Bunte. "But nobody can do that because I'm not corrupt."

Blatter said June 2 he would leave office within months, as pressure built from the American case and a separate Swiss federal investigation focused on possible money laundering linked to the 2018 and 2022 World Cup hosting awards to Russia and Qatar, respectively. Blatter cannot be extradited from his native Switzerland to the U.S. without his consent. □



In this July 3, 2010, file photo, Lance Armstrong kisses his girlfriend, Anna Hansen, right, prior to the prologue of the Tour de France cycling race in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Associated Press

JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lance Armstrong's girlfriend can be questioned under oath about what she knows of his doping past, and his former teammate-turned-

antagonist Floyd Landis will have to turn over records of investigations into his own previous doping case, a federal judge has decided. This week's ruling from Judge Christopher Cooper in Washington, D.C., comes

Armstrong girlfriend must testify, Landis to produce records

in a bitter struggle over pending testimony and records in a case that could hit Armstrong with more than \$100 million in penalties, of which Landis could collect a large portion. The case is not expected to go to trial before 2016.

Armstrong had tried to block attempts by Landis and the government to question Anna Hansen, the mother of two of Armstrong's children.

Cooper ruled that Landis and the government can question Hansen for no more than two hours and must limit the deposition to what she knows about drug use by Armstrong or anyone else associated with the former U.S. Postal

Service team. Hansen and Armstrong met in 2008, two years after the Postal Service had ended its sponsorship and a year after Armstrong initially retired following seven Tour de France titles.

That means Hansen can't be asked about Armstrong's attempt to cover up a traffic accident earlier this year in Colorado, or a 2011 confrontation between Armstrong and former teammate Tyler Hamilton, who was one of the first of Armstrong's former teammates to expose details of doping with the squad. The government had said it wanted to question Hansen about Armstrong's character and not-

ed both of those incidents in court documents.

The judge also ruled that Landis must turn over any records he has of investigations into the doping case that led to him being stripped of the 2006 Tour de France title. In 2012, he agreed to repay donors nearly a half-million dollars that he raised for his defense fund in an agreement with federal prosecutors to spare him criminal charges.

Part of Armstrong's defense is that the U.S. Postal Service benefited greatly from its team sponsorship and that officials likely had suspicions of doping but chose to partner with Armstrong anyway. □



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'Humans' star William Hurt says AI sentience is 'inevitable'

LAURI NEFF

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NEW YORK (AP) — For William Hurt it isn't a question of whether someone will invent a robot with feelings, it's a matter of when.

"I think I may be pretty good at saying if this and this is true then this and this are true," says Hurt. "So from the moment I took a look at it, it was all absolutely inevitable."

The Oscar-winning actor says he's been "riveted" by the idea of artificial intelligence since his early teens. He surmises that's partly why he landed roles about the subject in the 2001 film "A.I. Artificial Intelligence" and in the new sci-fi drama "Humans," which airs Sundays on AMC at 9 p.m. EDT. "If when you walk in the room and the topic lights you up, they see that and they hire you sometimes," Hurt said in a recent interview.

"Humans" takes place in a parallel present day where eerily human-like androids are as common in homes as iPads and smartphones are in real life. Whereas most of these so-called "Synths" are merely mechanical, a few newer models have emotions and think for themselves.

Hurt plays Dr. George Millican, a mechanical engineer who worked on the project that developed the original Synths who lives with and protects his outdated android named Odi.

"He gets sick and loses some of his memory," says



In this June 22, 2015 photo, actor William Hurt, star of the new AMC series "Humans" poses for a portrait on Monday, June 22, 2015 in New York.

Associated Press

Hurt, who reveals that after George's wife dies, "you have this fascinating relationship that he has with a clearly anthropomorphized robotic who is the repository of the memories of his life with his wife."

Hurt not only sees a future with sentient robots, he says he believes it won't be long before cellphones are injected under people's skin like the GPS microchips subcutaneously put in pets. He even imagines that one day there will be a way to preserve people's memories in a mechanical vessel so their consciousness can live on forever.

"I think that that is natural in evolution." □

26 million Facebook users go rainbow for gay marriage ruling



In this Feb. 15, 2015 file photo, actor Sean Hayes attends the SNL 40th Anniversary Special in New York. Hayes responded to the Supreme Court's ruling on Friday, June 26, that same-sex couples have a right to marry anywhere in the United States, by posting on Facebook, "What's better than a supreme taco from Taco Bell? The Supreme Court of the United States. Thank you for making marriage legal for EVERYONE today. Best birthday gift ever."

Associated Press

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NEW YORK (AP) — More than 26 million Facebook profile photos have taken on a rainbow hue since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on Friday that marriage is a right guaranteed under the Constitution regardless of a person's sexual orientation. People have been covering their profile photos with the Facebook-supplied overlay that uses the best-known symbol in the U.S. of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights movement.

Rainbow-tinted celebrities include Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Leonardo DiCaprio and "Fifty Shades of Grey" author E.L. James.

While the people who've used the overlay is a fraction of Facebook's 1.4 billion users worldwide, the number is far bigger than the last mass profile photo change on the site. In 2013, some 3 million Facebook users changed their photos to show a pink-on-red equal sign in support of gay marriage.

Four years earlier, in what might have been the first large-scale profile-photo activism, Twitter users turned their photo green to support pro-democracy protesters in Iran.

Facebook said it is not using the filters for ad targeting, nor does it plan to do so.

Facebook said the fact that the rainbow filter appeared on the same day as the Supreme Court deci-

sion was not planned any more than the Supreme Court planned to issue its ruling the Friday.

The filter was created last week by two Facebook summer interns who said they wanted to help other employees "show their spirit" for gay pride parades in San Francisco, New York and elsewhere in recent days. The filter was popular among employees, so Facebook rolled it out to regular users.

Counter-filters also have popped up, with some users in Russia overlaying their profiles with the country's flag instead of a rainbow. In the U.S., the website Right Wing News created a tool that lets people place a filter of the American flag over their profile photos. □

Average US rate on 30-year mortgage rises to 4.08%

WASHINGTON (AP) — Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates rose this week, reaching high levels for the year.

Mortgage giant Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose to 4.08 percent this week from 4.02 percent a week earlier. The rate on 15-year fixed-rate mortgages increased to 3.24 percent from 3.21 percent.

Mortgage rates have increased in recent weeks, in the midst of the spring home buying season, as the economy has shown signs of improvement.

A year ago, the average 30-year rate was 4.12 percent; the 15-year average was 3.22 percent.

Data issued Tuesday showed that home prices increased at a solid clip in April, led by double-digit gains in Denver and San

Francisco. The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index rose 4.9 percent in April from 12 months earlier, roughly the same annual pace as March.

Strong job growth and low mortgage rates have prompted greater demand for housing, boosting home values. The continued gains are at roughly double the pace of wage growth, but current levels

appear more manageable than the double-digit home price increases seen during parts of 2013 and 2014.

To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country at the beginning of each week. The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates. One point equals 1 percent of the loan amount.

The average fee for a 30-year mortgage declined to 0.6 point from 0.7 point last week. The fee for a 15-year loan was unchanged at 0.6 point. The average rate on five-year adjustable-rate mortgages ticked up to 2.99 percent from 2.98 percent; the fee remained at 0.4 point. The average rate on one-year ARMs rose to 2.52 percent from 2.50 percent; the fee was unchanged at 0.3 point. □

Wall Street slips on mixed US jobs report, Greek fears

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NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks ended a tumultuous trading week with slight losses Thursday as investors sought safety ahead of an extended holiday weekend.

Investors bought at the opening of trading after a Labor Department report on job creation suggested the economy was improving, though not so fast as to raise the specter of inflation and higher interest rates. But the gains vanished after a downbeat report from the International Monetary Fund on Greece's finances as the country heads toward a vote on the country's financial bailout this weekend.

It was a quiet close to an eventful week. Stocks plunged around the world Monday over worries that a Greek default could spread losses throughout the global financial system. A continued drop in Chinese stocks added to the fears,

as well as a statement from Puerto Rico's governor that the commonwealth would not be able to pay back its large public debt.

Stocks rose a bit over the next two days, but by Thursday's close the Standard and Poor's 500 index was still down 1.2 percent for the week, its biggest weekly loss in three months.

U.S. markets will be closed Friday in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

The S&P 500 slipped 0.64 points, less than 0.1 percent, to 2,076.78. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 27.80 points, or 0.2 percent, to 17,730.11.

The Nasdaq composite fell 3.91 points, less than 0.1 percent, to 5,009.21.

"We've got Greece, we've got China and Puerto Rico," said Sean Lynch, co-head of global equity strategy for Wells Fargo Investment Institute. "Investors want to take some risk off the table." The jobs report showed payrolls rose by



Specialists Brian Fairbrother, left, and Russell Hewitt work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks ended a tumultuous trading week with slight losses Thursday as investors sought safety ahead of an extended holiday weekend.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

223,000 in June and the unemployment rate fell to a seven-year low of 5.3 percent. But the rate declined mostly because many people abandoned their job hunts and were no longer counted as unemployed.

The report also said average hourly earnings rose 2 percent, slightly lower than

consensus.

Investors bought bonds in anticipation that inflation, and interest rates, will remain low.

The price of the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose, pushing down its yield to 2.38 percent from 2.45 percent just before the jobs report came out.

"There is no wage pressure and therefore no inflationary pressure.

The Fed should just let the economy run," said Steven Ricchiuto, chief economist at Mizuho Securities. "Maybe instead of hiking rates in September, maybe it'll be in December, maybe March." □

American factory orders fell solid 1 percent in May

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories fell in May by the largest amount in three months, while a key category that signals business investment plans dropped for a second month. Factory orders declined 1 percent in May from April, when orders retreated 0.7 percent, the Commerce Department reported Thursday. Orders

in a category that serves as a proxy for business investment were down 0.4 percent. Much of the weakness in May reflected a big 35.3 percent fall in demand for commercial aircraft. But even outside of the volatile transportation category, orders were up only a tiny 0.1 percent. The lackluster showing suggests that manufacturing is still struggling with challenges such as lower energy prices

and a strong dollar, which dampens exports.

Durable goods, items expected to last at least three years, dropped 2.2 percent in May, even weaker than a preliminary report last week that had estimated a 1.8 percent drop. Orders for nondurable goods edged up a slight 0.2 percent.

American factories have struggled this year because a strong dollar has made U.S. goods more expensive

overseas, hurting American exports. Falling energy prices have also triggered sharp cutbacks in investment spending by oil companies. Those factors, combined with an unusually harsh winter, sent the economy into reverse in the January-March quarter. But economists are optimistic that economic activity rebounded in the April-June quarter to growth of around 2.5 percent and

will strengthen further in the second half of this year.

They expect continued solid gains in employment will boost household incomes and spur stronger consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity. A separate report Thursday showed that the labor market created a solid 223,000 jobs in June, and the unemployment rate dropped to a seven-year low of 5.3 percent. □

STREET BRIEFS

Intel President
Renee James to
leave company

NEW YORK (AP) — Intel said Thursday that President Renee James, who has worked at the chip-maker for 28 years, plans to leave the company early next year to seek a CEO role elsewhere. James has agreed to stay with Intel until January to oversee the transition of her responsibilities and will be paid \$4 million to do so, according to a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Intel did not disclose which CEO role James is pursuing. James was named president of Intel two years ago. Arvind Sodhani, president of Intel's venture capital unit, will retire in January after 35 years at the company. Vice Presidents Hermann Eula and Michael Bell will also leave the company, Intel said. Shares of Intel Corp. rose 60 cents, or 2 percent, to \$30.78 in morning trading Thursday. □

Germany's K+S
rejects Potash
takeover offer

BERLIN (AP) — German-based salt and potash producer K+S AG is rejecting a takeover offer from Potash Corp. of Canada, saying it fails to reflect the company's fundamental value. Potash said June 25 it had proposed takeover negotiations. K+S said its board and directors on Thursday rejected an offer for all its outstanding shares of 41 euros (\$45.54) per share, which would value the company at 7.85 billion euros. It said in a statement that "the proposed transaction does not reflect the fundamental value of K+S and is not in the best interest of the company." CEO Norbert Steiner added that Potash "made no firm commitments to protect the interests" of his company's more than 14,000 employees. K+S shares were down 2 percent in Frankfurt at 37.03 euros after the company's announcement. □

Centene makes \$6.3B bid for insurer Health Net



Delores Hawkins, a certified care provider with NurseWise, talks to a caller through setting up a new medical device at Centene in Clayton, Mo. Jumping into the mix of managed-care companies scrambling to bulk up as the health care overhaul changes their business, Centene on Thursday, July 2, 2015 announced a \$6.3-billion bid for fellow insurer Health Net.

(Stephanie S. Cordle/AP)

TOM MURPHY

AP Business Writer

Centene has jumped into the mix of managed-care companies scrambling to bulk up as the health care overhaul changes their business with a \$6.3-billion bid for fellow insurer Health Net.

The deal announced Thursday gives St. Louis-based Centene a chance to expand in two hot growth areas for health insurers, the state- and federally-funded Medicaid program for the poor and people with disabilities; and the federally-supported Medicare Advantage program, which has seen its overall enrollment triple over the past decade.

The health care overhaul is expanding Medicaid coverage to millions as it seeks to provide health insurance for more people. This

comes as more states are turning to insurers to help them manage their Medicaid populations.

Centene said the Health Net deal will strengthen its presence in the nation's largest Medicaid market, California, and create a combined company with about 6 million Medicaid members, making it one of the largest in the country.

"Both Centene and Health Net recognize that scale and diversification are becoming increasingly important," Centene Chairman and CEO Michael Neidorff told analysts after the deal was announced.

The acquisition also will build Centene's Medicare business in several western states. As the baby boom generation ages, insurers are seeking to offer more Medicare prescription drug coverage and

Medicare Advantage plans, which are privately run versions of the federally-funded program for people over age 65 and the disabled.

About 16.8 million people were enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans as of March, according to the nonprofit Kaiser Family Foundation, which studies health care issues. That figure grew by more than 1 million from last year.

"I would say the growth prospect of Medicare is the prime reason someone would add that membership on to their books," said Vishnu Lekraj, an analyst who follows the industry for Morningstar.

Investors and analysts have been expecting huge acquisitions in a managed care sector that is looking to grow as it adapts to the health care overhaul.

Some say the Supreme Court's recent decision to uphold a key element of the federal law might spark deals because it removes an element of uncertainty that had been hanging over the companies.

On June 20, Anthem went public with a more than \$47 billion cash-and-stock bid for Cigna, which Cigna rejected in a letter sent to Anthem the next day.

Both the Wall Street Journal and Bloomberg have reported, citing sources they have not identified, that Aetna is pursuing the Medicare Advantage provider Humana Inc., in a deal that would join the nation's third- and fifth-largest health insurers.

"The wave of consolidation sweeping the (managed care) industry is accelerating as players seek to establish their own market position," Leerink analyst Ana Gupte said in a note to investors announcing the Centene deal.

She added that she expects the nation's biggest insurer, UnitedHealth Group Inc., to jump in with a competing bid for Health Net or possibly both companies. A UnitedHealth spokesman said his company doesn't comment on rumors or speculation.

Insurers see several potential advantages to combining. An acquisition would give them more customers over which to spread the costs of providing coverage and processing claims, and it lets them diversify and expand into new markets faster than they can by signing up new customers. □

Barnes & Noble names Sears CEO for retail business

NEW YORK (AP) — Barnes & Noble, which is splitting into two companies next month, named Sears Canada CEO Ronald Boire to lead its retail operations and said company CEO Michael Huseby will become executive chairman of its educational wing.

Boire will join the company in September as CEO of Barnes & Noble Inc., over-

seeing its nearly 650 stores and its Nook e-book business.

Max Roberts, the CEO of the college textbook business, will continue in that role after the unit is spun off into the publicly traded Barnes & Noble Education Inc., which operates more than 720 stores at colleges and universities around the country.

Before becoming CEO of

Sears Canada, Boire held leadership positions at Brookstone, Toys R Us and Best Buy Inc.

Barnes & Noble first said it would break the company apart in February, after scrapping plans to spin off its digital Nook business.

The company has been grappling with falling sales of the Nook and e-books, as well as in its bookstores. Competition from Ama-

zon.com and elsewhere had upended the book industry, much as Barnes & Noble did when it grew to a national chain.

Barnes & Noble reported a 10 percent drop in fourth-quarter revenue last week. Shares of Barnes & Noble, based in New York, rose 27 cents to \$26.01 in late trading Thursday. Its shares are up about 14 percent in the past 12 months. □

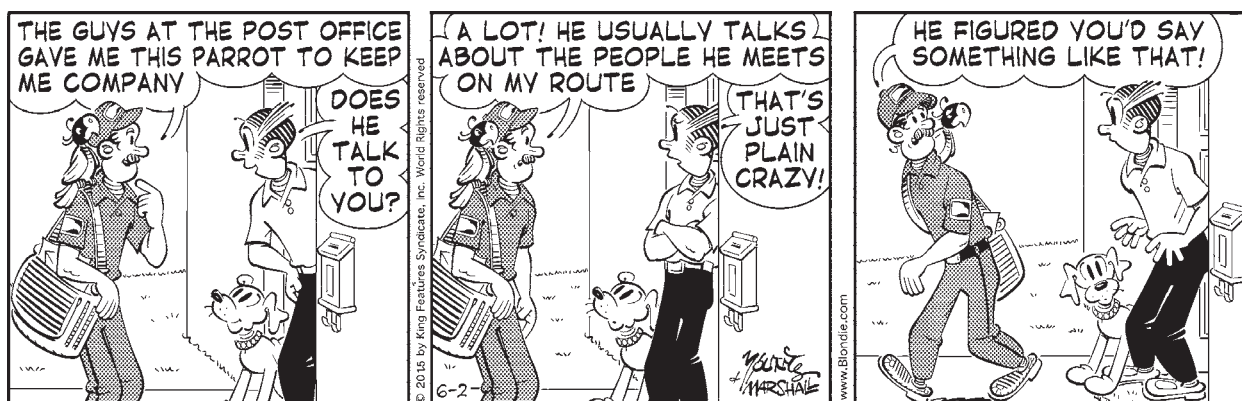
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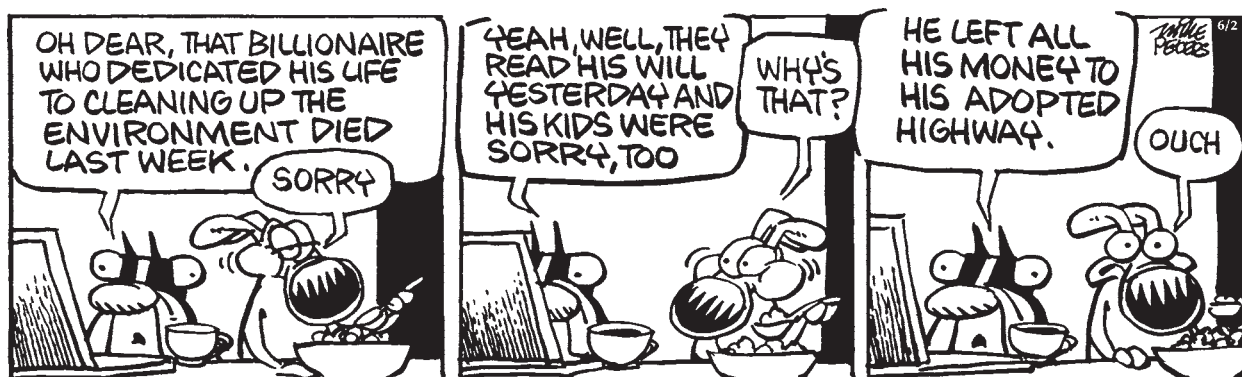
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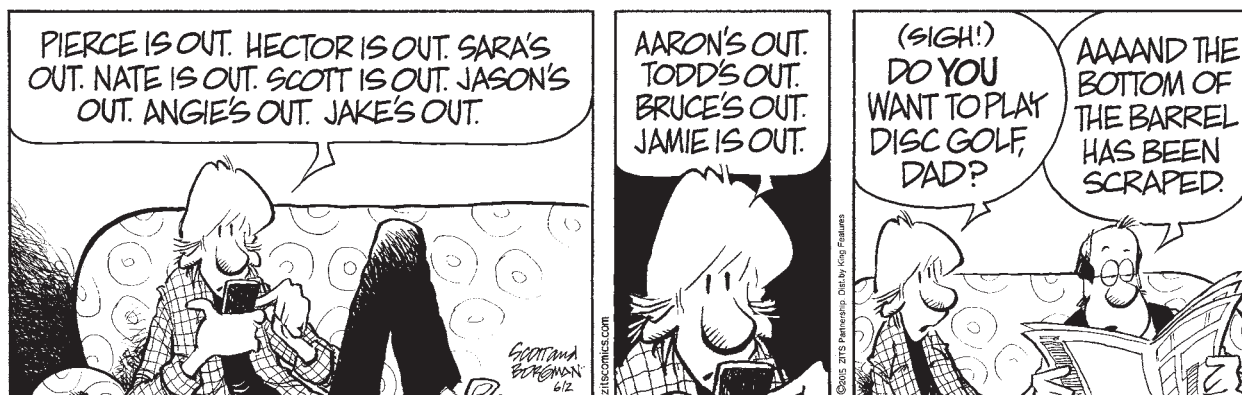
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- 1 ___ for; chooses
- 5 Repairs
- 10 As hairy ___ ape
- 14 Hawaiian island
- 15 Monastery head
- 16 Zero
- 17 Traveler's stops
- 18 Romney's defeater
- 19 Swindles
- 20 Wobbles
- 22 Opposed to
- 24 Cotton gin man
- ___ Whitney
- 25 Church walkway
- 26 Sneezey or Doc
- 29 Olive Oyl's hairdo
- 30 Bury
- 34 All ___; listening
- 35 Singer Davis
- 36 Part of the eye
- 37 Of ___; legally an adult
- 38 UFO driver, perhaps
- 40 Paper sack
- 41 British capital
- 43 Suffix for art or balloon
- 44 Uncle Ben's ___
- 45 Slow crawler
- 46 ___ double take; look twice
- 47 Daring deeds
- 48 African nation
- 50 Facial twitch
- 51 Made unclear
- 54 Hatch or Boxer
- 58 Suffer defeat
- 59 Pres. John Quincy ___
- 61 "The ___ Ranger"
- 62 Runs up a tab
- 63 Counter an argument
- 64 Plenty
- 65 Cots and cribs
- 66 Sediment
- 67 Thin opening

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- 1 Leave out

- 2 Window glass
- 3 Melody
- 4 Malia & Sasha
- 5 Native New Zealander
- 6 Diminishes
- 7 Knicks' org.
- 8 Realm
- 9 Male animals
- 10 Very old
- 11 In just a bit
- 12 Blyth & Cusack
- 13 Cozy home
- 21 Leprechaun
- 23 Unfamiliar
- 25 ___ off; sell to the high bidder
- 26 Great buys
- 27 On the ___; not drinking
- 28 Sports building
- 29 Saloon
- 31 Leg bone
- 32 ___ legislation; make laws
- 33 Hits the ceiling
- 35 Gent
- 36 Traitor
- 38 Back tooth

- 39 "There ___ tavern in the..."
- 42 Stray off topic
- 44 Remembers
- 46 Walk unsteadily
- 47 Swim ___; diver's flipper
- 49 Chin hair
- 50 Examinations
- 51 Shapeless mass
- 52 Actor Rob ___
- 53 Pre-owned
- 54 Self-satisfied
- 55 Wrench or saw
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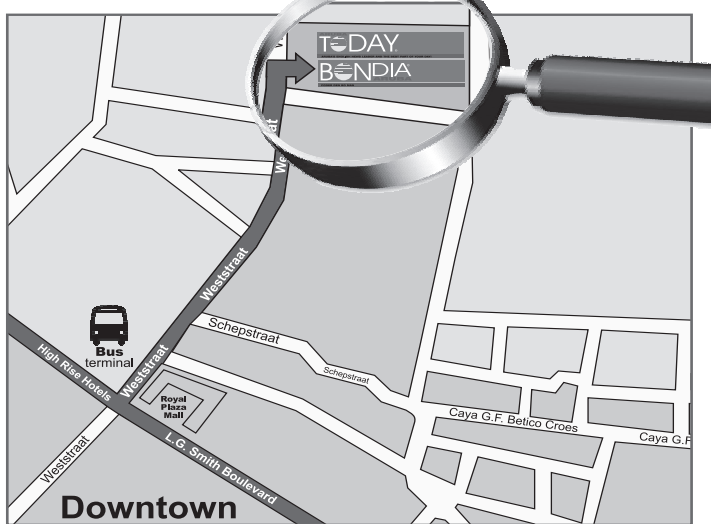
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U.S. report: Polar bears in peril due to global warming

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Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— Polar bears are at risk of dying off if humans don't reverse the trend of global warming, a blunt U.S. government report filed Thursday said.

"The single most important step for polar bear conservation is decisive action to address Arctic warming," the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said in a draft recovery plan, part of the process after the agency listed the species as threatened in 2008.

"Short of action that effectively addresses the primary cause of diminishing sea ice, it is unlikely that polar bears will be recovered."

Halting Arctic warming will require a global commitment, said Jenifer Kohout, the Fish and Wildlife Service's regional program manager and a co-chair of the polar bear recovery



In this Nov. 6, 2007, file photo, a polar bear mother and her two cubs are seen in Wapusk National Park on the shore of Hudson Bay near Churchill, Manitoba.

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team during a teleconference Thursday.

Greenhouse gas emissions

contribute to global warming, which is reducing the amount of summer sea ice

in the Arctic. Polar bears use sea ice for feeding, mating and giving birth. The Office of Naval Research said the past eight years have had the eight lowest amounts of summer sea ice on record. The worldwide population of polar bears is estimated to be between 20,000 and 25,000 animals, and they live in five Arctic nations. Alaska is the only U.S. state with the iconic white bears. Authorities with the U.S. Geological Survey, the scientific division of the Department of Interior, this week outlined two scenarios for polar bears through the end of the century: one in which greenhouse gas emissions stabilize, and the other in which they continue unabated.

The polar bear group that Alaska shares with Russia and Norway faces the first threat. This group makes up about a third of the world's population. Under either scenario, it could begin

seeing global warming's ill effects as soon as 2025 because of the dramatic loss of sea ice in this part of the Arctic.

Other bears that make up population groups in Canada and Greenland would be affected about 25 years later.

The recovery plan identifies a "suite of high-priority actions to be taken in the near- and mid-term in the United States that will contribute to the survival of polar bears, so they are in a position to recover once Arctic warming has been abated," Kohout said.

Those goals include better management of not only subsistence harvests, but deadly interactions with humans, which could increase as people move farther north in the Arctic. They also include protecting the animals' dens from humans and minimizing the risk to polar bears from oil spills. □



This May 17, 2014 photo from Wolves of the Rockies shows a black female wolf known as 889F wearing a satellite tracking collar in the Lamar Valley of Yellowstone National Park, Wyo.

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U.S. park loses radio frequencies used to track wildlife

MATTHEW BROWN

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Montana (AP) — Researchers at Yellowstone National Park have lost their license for a set of radio frequencies used to track more than 100 radio-collared wolves and elk.

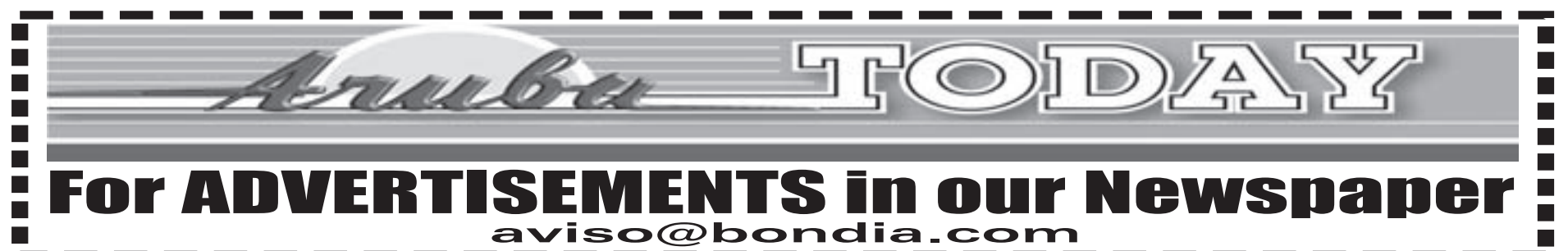
But park officials said Thurs-

day their scientific work has continued with the cooperation of the new license holder.

Yellowstone biologist Doug Smith said new licensee NorthWestern Energy is letting researchers share the frequencies, meaning the park can avoid more than

\$450,000 in estimated costs to restart the program.

Restarting the program would have required researchers to capture the wolves and elk already wearing collars and replace the devices with ones that operate on a different frequency. □



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'Shark Week' returns for 28th year with first Cuban visit

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AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sharks are serious business this summer, with "Sharknado"-style flippancy a barely heard echo following grisly attacks on beachgoers off the Florida, California and North and South Carolina coasts.

Seriousness also marks the tone of Discovery Channel's Shark Week which, after veering off course with programs that lopsidedly favored thrills over information, aims to bring the balance back to hard science as the annual event begins Sunday.

It remains to be seen whether the lineup will satisfy critics of 2014's Shark Week who condemned, among other things, programs awash in what they labeled "pseudoscience." If skeptics remain unswayed, it won't be for Discovery's lack of effort, as Howard Swartz explains it. He's the Discovery vice president for documentaries and specials who oversaw all Shark Week content, his first go at it. The summer staple is airing for the 28th time.

"Discovery is at its best when it's fulfilling our core brand promise, which is about exploration and adventure, science and research," Swartz said. Shark Week has met that goal before, he said, but this year's focus is even more intense and revealing.

"Technology keeps begging new questions that researchers are going after, whether it's about behavior, about migration, about finding new shark habits



In this 2015 photo provided by Discovery Channel, a great white shark researcher stands in the clear shark cage while a great white shark swims by during an episode of "Shark Week."

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they didn't know before," he said.

"My best friend in keeping Shark Week new is the research community and the technology they're using," added Swartz, whose science-heavy TV career includes a stint as executive producer of PBS' acclaimed "Nova" series just before joining Discovery. That's not to say that entertainment and hyperbole are missing in action — this is commercial TV, after all. Consider "Bride of Jaws," (9 p.m. Tuesday, all times EDT), about the search for the largest female Great White yet tagged, or "Sharksanity 2" (9 p.m. Saturday, July 11) with viewer rankings of Shark Week's "most insane bites, strikes and close

calls," as the channel describes it.

Shark Week also acts as a travelogue, taking viewers to far-flung locations including Australia, South Africa, the East and West U.S. coasts, Cuba and the Gulf of Mexico.

On a sober note, the lineup offers timely examinations of efforts to develop new tools to help ocean-loving humans and sharks coexist peacefully in areas coping with dangerous shark vs human encounters. The shows were completed before the recent spate of attacks.

"I think Shark Week has done a great job over the last decades showing the sharks aren't mindless killing machines. But the reality is

that shark attacks do happen — the question is why they happen, what can we learn from them and what can we do to mitigate them from happening happen," Swartz said.

There are several reasons for what shark expert Craig O'Connell characterizes as "maybe a slight increase" in dangerous encounters. The jump in the human population and more crowded oceans is one, he said, a factor also cited by scientists in explaining the attacks of the Carolinas.

O'Connell's efforts to keep people and sharks separated without harm to either are part of "Shark Island," which concludes Shark Week at 8 p.m. Sunday, July 12. He was a preteen

in upstate New York when a Shark Week program of two decades ago showed a shark entangled in a net, leaving him resolved to find fish-safe alternatives to beach nets and drum lines. He and other scientists are testing the use of magnets to repel sharks by interfering with their navigation system, which relies on their unusual electrical sense, O'Connell said.

There are other remarkable developments and discoveries scattered throughout the programs.

"Tiburones: Sharks of Cuba" (10 p.m. Tuesday, July 7) relates the joint exploration of the island's waters by American and Cuban scientists, a first for Shark Week and organized before the countries moved to restore diplomatic ties. The ocean is so pristine and untouched that one scientist compared it to the Bahamas of 80 years ago, Swartz said.

More notable Shark Week footage: epaulette sharks on Australia's Great Barrier reef using their fins as makeshift legs to return to the ocean from the rocky shore ("Shark Planet," 9 p.m. Thursday, July 9) and footage of Mako sharks breaching out of the water in ambush attacks ("Monster Mako," 10 p.m. Sunday, July 5).

Shark Week kicks off at 8 p.m. Sunday, July 5, with "Shark Trek," in which Massachusetts' marine fisheries biologist Greg Skomal tags Great Whites off Cape Cod and tracks them as they head out — with patterns pointing to the southern U.S. as their destination. □

‘Magic Mike XXL’ outstripping ‘Terminator’ at box office

JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — “Magic Mike XXL” is narrowly outstripping “Terminator Genisys” at the holiday week-end box office.

The Channing Tatum male-stripper sequel earned \$9.3 million on its opening day Wednesday, according to Warner Bros. Paramount Pictures said Thursday that its reboot of the Arnold Schwarzenegger sci-fi franchise, “Terminator Genisys,” opened with \$8.9 million Wednesday.

Both sums include about \$2 million in Tuesday night showings.

The two films are vying to unseat “Jurassic World” over the July Fourth week-end. With the holiday falling on Saturday, studios aren’t getting the usual long-weekend boost. But “Magic Mike XXL” and “Terminator Genisys” both opened early to rope in more moviegoers.

The early figures suggest a very close race for the box-office lead. But it also means a July Fourth week-end lacking major fireworks at the multiplex. Both films will likely make in the neigh-



Channing Tatum signs autographs upon arrival at the Magic Mike XXL European premiere in London, Tuesday, 30 June, 2015.
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borhood of \$40 million from Wednesday through Sunday.

Such a result is dramatically better for “Magic Mike XXL,” which was made for only about \$15 million. “Terminator Genisys,” on the other hand, was made for about \$155 million and appears headed for disappointment.

Critics have slammed the fifth installment in the franchise, which returns Schwarzenegger to his most famous role after his absence in 2009’s “Terminator Salvation.” But at its current rate, “Geni-

sys” won’t come close to matching the five-day opening of \$65.3 million for “Salvation”.

The two new wide releases may struggle to surpass the strong holdovers of “Jurassic World” and Pixar’s “Inside Out” over the week-end.

Still, the four movies should at least mean a big improvement over last year’s July Fourth. Last summer’s Independence Day week-end, featuring Melissa McCarthy’s “Tammy” and the sci-fi adventure “Earth to Echo,” was Hollywood’s worst in decades. □

Thicke: Distracted by failing marriage during music case

NEW YORK (AP) — Robin Thicke says the deposition for the “Blurred Lines” case took a backseat to his crumbling marriage, in his first interview since he and Pharrell lost the lawsuit in March.

In an interview with The New York Times that was posted Wednesday, Thicke says he was “careless” during the deposition, which occurred two weeks after he separated from actress Paula Patton. He and Pharrell were later ordered to pay nearly \$7.4 million to three of Marvin Gaye’s children after a jury in Los Angeles determined the performers had copied elements of the R&B icon’s 1977 hit “Got to Give It Up” for “Blurred Lines.”

“I was going through personal hell at the time. And I was careless in the deposition,” Thicke said. “Obviously, I didn’t give my all to the trial. It simply wasn’t as important to me as what was going on in my personal life. I was lost at the time. I had lost my way.”

Thicke told the Times he was surprised they lost the case and “that’s why we’re appealing. I know the difference between inspiration and theft. I’m constantly inspired, but I would never steal. And neither would Pharrell.”

Thicke said he couldn’t elaborate when answering some of the reporter’s questions because of the appeal.

The 38-year-old singer-songwriter said his creative process hasn’t changed, despite getting his hand slapped following “Blurred Lines,” the biggest hit of 2013.

“For me, it will not, it has not, changed my process in any way. But yes, many artists and writers have voiced their concerns to me about this,” he said. “And if the verdict holds up, I believe that it will have a ripple effect on the arts and the industry in general.” □



In this Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015, file photo, singer Robin Thicke performs at the 17th Annual GRAMMY Foundation Legacy Concert at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre in Los Angeles.

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Sonia Manzano, who played Maria on ‘Sesame Street,’ retiring



In this Aug. 30, 2009 file photo, actress Sonia Manzano, right, performs at the Daytime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles.

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FRAZIER MOORE

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — “Sesame Street” is about to be less

A-OK. Sonia Manzano, who has played the role of Maria on the groundbreaking kid show since 1971, is retir-

ing.

Manzano, 65, broke the news earlier this week at the American Library Association Annual Conference. She said she wouldn’t be part of PBS’ new “Sesame Street” season.

A beloved resident of Sesame Street since she was a teenager, the character Maria owned the neighborhood repair shop with husband Luis (played by Emilio Delgado, who remains on the show).

Manzano also served as a writer for the show, sharing in 15 Emmy awards as a member of the writing team. She has also written children’s books.

Born in a Puerto Rican neighborhood of The Bronx

that resembled the city world “Sesame Street” would later embrace, Manzano attended Manhattan’s High School of Performing Arts and then Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

She began her show business career in the original cast of the musical “Godspell,” which began as a student production on the Carnegie Mellon campus. She moved up with it as it transferred to a club in New York’s Greenwich Village, then to off-Broadway, then Broadway.

In 1971, she auditioned for “Sesame Street,” then only 2 years old. As Maria, she and Luis became the mas-

ters of repair, including a large quantity of toasters, as co-owners of the Fix-It Shop. Luis and Maria wed in 1988.

In confirming Manzano’s retirement, Sesame Workshop said “she will always be a part of the fabric of our neighborhood. During her 44-year career as the iconic ‘Maria,’ and the first leading Latina woman on television, she was a role model for young girls and women for generations.”

Sesame Workshop did not say how her absence would be explained.

Manzano has also performed on the New York stage in productions of “The Vagina Monologues” and “The Exonerated.” □



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